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Application No.: 10/758,713

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s):	Dale Carpenter, Jason Scott Henley	Docket No.:	LL2003-07
Serial No.:	10/758,713	Group Art Unit:	3711
Filing Date:	01/16/2004	Examiner:	John A. Ricci
Customer No.:	37951	Confirmation No.:	6547
Title:	Quick Release Fixed Position Paintball Hopper Coupler		

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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**Transmittal of Response to
Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121)**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

Enclosed is a(n):

9 Number of pages of Reply.
0 Sheets of replacement drawings
0 Sheets of annotated drawings
1 Return Receipt Postcard

2. **STATUS**

Applicant is

X a small entity -- verified statement
____ attached.
X already filed.
____ other than a small entity.

3. EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time In Patent Cases (Supplemental Amendments) - If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in a condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
_____ one month	\$120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
_____ three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
_____ four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
_____ five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL * 16	MINUS ** 12	= 0	X 50 = \$	200		X 100 = \$		
INDEP. * 4	MINUS *** 2	= 0	X 100 = \$	200		X 200 = \$		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+180 = \$			+360 = \$		
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$		

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid for" (total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment for the number of claims originally filed.

(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

(c) X No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims is required \$

5. FEE PAYMENT

 Attached is a check in the sum of \$

 Charge Account No. the sum of \$.

6. FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO

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Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, 1065 O.G. 31-33.

_____ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. _____.

AND/OR

_____ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. _____.

7. INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OVERPAYMENT

— credit Account No.

X refund

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